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Shah's son says Iran throne will be his someday

Reza Pahlavi II, the eldest son of the late Shah of Iran, has one obsession — to become emperor.

Under Iran's constitution, Pahlavi, 26, succeeded his father as "king of kings" at age 20.

On Sept. 5, he interrupted a prime-time Iranian TV show to tell viewers, "I will return." The CIA reportedly helped him with a miniaturized TV transmitter for the 11-minute broadcast.

He captured attention again Sunday when he denied knowing of the CIA's involvement on CBS' *Face the Nation*.

"In foreign policy, strategic interest often comes to clash with moral obligations," he said. "But in the case of Iran, they both point to

the same solution — overthrow Khomeini."

Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's revolution in 1979 drove Pahlavi's father out of Iran. The shah died in exile in 1980.

Pahlavi was last in the news in June, when he married Yasmine Amini. He has homes in the New York area and in Morocco.

Asked by Lesley Stahl how he knows the people of Iran "want to go back to the shah," Pahlavi said he would be a different ruler than his father, but sidestepped outlining what the differences would be.

He called the USA's sale of arms to Iran "morally unjustifiable."

In a dark suit and tie, Pahlavi cuts quite a different figure than

the unshaven minions of Khomeini.

Pahlavi was educated in the USA and has a political science degree. He's an expert at flying jets,

tae kwon do, and enjoys skiing.

— Steve Marshall